

New Converter Lasts A Long Time

GM Scores Break-Through For Clean Air

DETROIT (AP) — A breakthrough in the area of auto emissions control has been announced by General Motors Corp. The development gives the company an apparent jump on the nation's other automakers.

GM President Edward Cole disclosed on Sunday his firm has designed a catalytic converter for emissions control which will last the life of the car. It will be coupled with an electronic ignition system and a new carburetor.

Cole's statements, in an interview with The Detroit News, contrasted with earlier comments that converters could have a doubtful lifespan. Earlier, Cole had explained converters planned for 1975 cars might last only 20,000 miles.

The industry has been told by the Environmental Protection Agency all 1975 cars sold in California must have converters. The devices change engine exhaust hydrocarbons and carbon monoxide into harmless carbon dioxide and water vapor.

Cole said the newly developed converter features tiny ceramic beads coated with a thin layer of platinum and palladium. The entire unit is encased in stainless steel.

GM announced previously it was considering installing the converters on its entire 1975 line — not just those cars sold in California.

Cole said the new converter is only one of three parts to the 1975 GM system, which he projected will cost \$150 per car.

The other parts, he said, are an electronic ignition system which GM dubs "high energy ignition" and a new one-barrel carburetor which the auto giant calls its "integrated fuel control system."

Cole said the new carburetor, which GM plans to showcase in some 1974 models, will feature the air metering benefits of a fuel injection system to cool the exhaust flow through the converter.

The ignition system, Cole said, will be highlighted by increased spark plug energy triple the current output of conventional systems.

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"We're going to carry about 20,000 more volts across the spark plug than with the regular system," Cole said. "We also have a wider gap spark plug." The dividends, he said, are better combustion and more fuel economy — two factors Detroit feared would be casualties with the advent of new pollution controls.

Like the new carburetor system, Cole said the new ignition "will be used optionally on some 1974 cars and in 1975 we expect to use it pretty much across the board."

The new GM system, Cole said, should outdistance the stratified charge engine approach of Honda, a Japanese automaker. "We see no hope for the stratified charge system," Cole said, "but we are looking at it."

As for the turbine engine, Cole said GM has researched it extensively but can't reduce emissions of nitrogen oxide to the level required by the EPA.

GM has had little success in testing the Stirling heat engine,

the diesel engine and the steam engine, Cole said.

Asked what he foresees as the power plant of the future, Cole said: "There will be further refinements of the internal combustion engine."

"We are looking for more combustion efficiency as related to complete burning, maybe a more compact chamber than we've been looking at. We can also look at better fuel control."

"We've got cars running with an oxygen sensor in the exhaust. We can feed back the level of oxygen in the exhaust...and we have found if you can control this air-fuel ratio...and use a single catalyst we get very low emissions of all three pollutants."

The current hangup, Cole said, is durability of the sensor. He said perfection still is a few years away.

More research is needed on the 1975 GM three-part system, Cole said, but preliminary estimates are that it will last the life of the car and satisfy Washington's requirements.



GOVERNOR AND PUBLISHER: Gov. William Milliken (left) talks with Willard J. Banyon, editor and publisher of this newspaper, prior to governor's address to Twin Cities Area Chamber of Commerce this morning. Banyon introduced governor at breakfast meeting.

Tractors Won't Run Out Of Gas

Twin City Chamber Hosts Gov. Milliken

Gov. William Milliken this morning said a recent report by the State Task Force on Fuel Supply "indicates that Michigan farmers will face no major crop or livestock production losses due to lack of fuel."

Milliken made the comment at a breakfast at the Benton Harbor Holiday Inn sponsored by the Twin Cities Area

Chamber of Commerce.

"We were able to minimize the inconvenience to farmers in getting adequate fuel for their equipment with cooperation and assistance from the federal level in contacting and dealing with major oil companies," Milliken said.

Milliken noted that there may be a potential problem with obtaining fuel during the fall harvest season, and in obtaining necessary fuels for drying crops.

"But we now have had experience with operating a system in which the federal and state governments, in cooperation with the private sector, have met and overcome a challenge," he added.

He said he has "considerable enthusiasm" about Michigan's future economic picture and praised President Nixon's latest wage-price controls as dedication to the "free market."

Milliken added that although some uncertainty exists over the national economy "our economic climate here in Michigan clearly conveys a sound basis for cautious optimism."

Milliken said he views Michigan's future, in Mark Twain's words, with "the calm confidence of a Christian with four aces" in a poker game.

"I find it a hopeful sign that the President has acted — by instituting the 60-day price freeze of 'phase three-and-a-half' — and announced that Phase IV will involve re-tightening national economic controls," the governor said.

He did not predict how the

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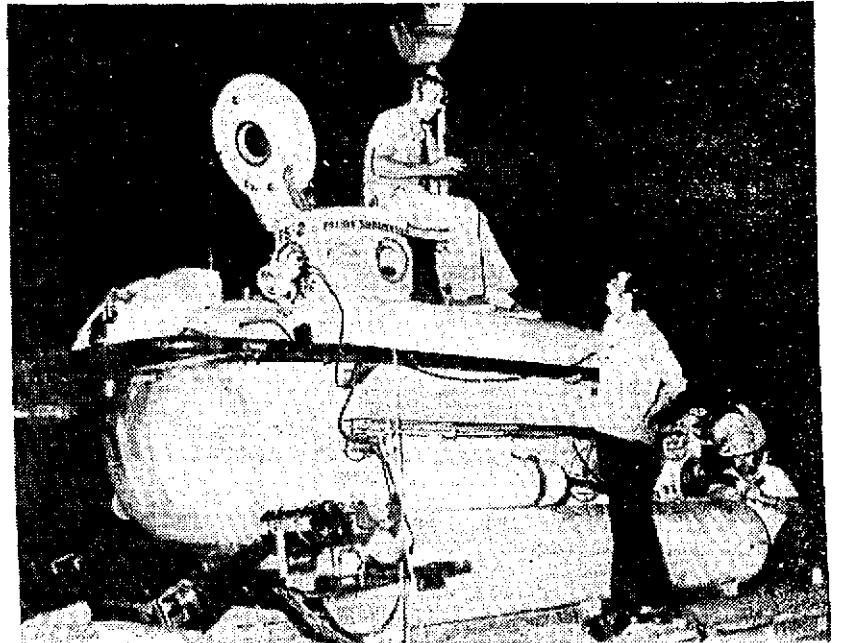
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MINI-SUB TO RESCUE: Jim Dudley, pilot of the Perry Submarine, sits on top of his vehicle and talks with John F. Manuel, vice president of the company that makes the mini-sub before leaving for a rescue attempt of a midget submarine which is caught more than 350 feet down in the Atlantic ocean. The rescue sub left Key West Naval Base around 2 a.m. today. (AP Wirephoto)

Time Running Out For Four Trapped In Research Sub

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) — Navy divers raced against time today to rescue four men, their air supply dwindling rapidly, trapped in a midget submarine 351 feet down in the Atlantic.

At first Navy officials believed the men, whose research sub was wedged in the wreckage of a World War II destroyer, had enough air to last them until noon, EDT. But later a spokesman said "now, it looks like it may be even shorter than that."

Among those trapped was Clayton Link, son of the sub's designer, Edwin Link.

Two of the trapped men were in a front compartment of the sub. The other two were in a

rear compartment.

Rescuers were faced with the prospect of having to draw on the vital oxygen supply to increase the temperature in the submarine and enable chemical canisters to absorb more carbon dioxide.

Asked about the buildup of carbon dioxide in the back section of the vessel, a Navy spokesman described it as "a baby putting a plastic bag over its head and slowly being strangled."

Shortly after daybreak Cmdr. William Smith said there had been radio contact with two men in the front of the sub and they had reported the men in the rear were still breathing.

"But there is still no response from the two in the back," Smith said, explaining this indicated the two were unconscious.

Smith said "the critical thing is not the air supply but amassing carbon dioxide. The colder it gets the less effective the chemical absorption is."

Adm. John Maurer, commander of Key West Naval Station, described the situation as "critical."

Smith said two teams of divers had been down, one to within 10 feet of the sub. But "neither one was able to completely reach the submarine

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Sudden Wind, Rain Storm Cuts Power, Topples Trees

High winds and thunderstorms Saturday caused scattered power outages and tree damage in southwestern Michigan. A squall line storm apparently centered much of force over central Berrien county.

Indiana & Michigan Electric Co. reported power outages in Benton Harbor, south St. Joseph, Stevensville, Bridgman, Sodas and Coloma, and from 5:15 to 5:55 p.m. in Watervliet. I & M also reported two big trees down on old M-14 and at Red Arrow highway and County Line road. Berrien sheriff's deputies said there was an electric power outage for three hours Saturday

No Known Motive For Shootout That Kills 3

NEW YORK (AP) — "There were bullets all over the place," a detective said after a policeman, a bartender and a gunman were shot to death in a crowded Harlem bar. Another officer and six patrons were wounded.

Police said about 20 shots were exchanged Sunday night after two patrolmen entered the Capri Bar and Grill and told a man waving a pistol to drop his weapon. He responded by firing five shots, police said.

A woman patron said a policeman ordered the gunman to "Drop your gun!" But the gunman "just wheeled about and fired at them five times," she told authorities.

Police Commissioner Donald F. Cawley said the initial report showed that "some of the injured were possibly hit by police fire." He said he could give no motive for the shooting.

along US 33, north of the Twin Cities.

Winds from the south and southwest up to 30 knots were clocked by the coast Guard station in St. Joseph. During the thunderstorms Saturday afternoon winds shifted to the northwest and gusts peaked at 60 miles per hour at Ross Field airport.

The Benton Harbor public works department had a work crew out on Colfax and May street after high winds blew off part of a tree, blocking both lanes of traffic on Colfax. High water calls were also received from the Jean Klock road and North Shore drive area of the city.

Wind knocked down a tree in front of 1235 Ogden avenue in Benton Harbor around 5 p.m. Saturday.

A woman in the 1000 block of North Euclid avenue told Benton township police she saw a funnel cloud in the northwest, west of Benton Heights shortly after 5 p.m. Saturday, but no twister was reported touching down.

A Benton Heights man reported a large branch ripped off by wind broke the top of his convertible parked at his home, 2051 Taube, and township police found another large tree branch lying across Taube.

Berrien county road commission officials said some trees and limbs were down as a result of the storms but no roads were blocked.

But Vernon Hendershort, engineer for the Cass county road commission, reported 20 trees fell down in Cass, and crews were out until midnight Saturday clearing roads.

On the other side of the state, 25-30 knot winds were blamed by the National Weather Service in Detroit for flash floods along the Lake Erie shoreline that forced about 1,000 Monroe County and Toledo, O. residents from their homes Sunday.

Women's Editor Wins National Writing Honors

A first place award in the annual National Federation of Press Women Clubs, Inc., annual writing contest has been received by Arlys Derrick, women's editor for this newspaper.

Awards were presented at the organization's 37th annual convention held in Dearborn June 13-16 and hosted by the Michigan Women's Press Club.

Marie Mikel, public relations and communications director

for the Twin Cities Chamber of Commerce, also received an honorable mention.

Mrs. Derrick's award was received in the category of publicity and promotion (news-papers) for her series of articles promoting the appearance of the Michigan Artrain in this community last October and reporting its activities held during the train's stay here.

Judge for the category was

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ARLYS DERRICK

Lake Temperature

The temperature of Lake Michigan at shoreline today is 63 degrees.

The Roof Falls In On Benton Gambling Raid

By RALPH LUTZ
Staff Writer

What might have been a gambling raid in a Benton township pool hall Saturday night, turned out to be mass confusion when a ceiling fell through and a man, laughingly identified by a patron as "Santa Claus," crashed to the floor.

When the confusion subsided, one man was arrested on a weapons charge, 15 other persons were questioned and released, and an undetermined number of others, including "Santa Claus," fled from the building, both from the front and

rear. No one was charged with gambling.

The action occurred at Fair Avenue Recreation, 153 North Fair avenue, after township police received a report at 7:15 p.m. that there was gambling going on inside.

Capt. Paul Farris and Patrolmen Robert Nick and David Nelson, went inside to survey activities. They were inside only briefly, when things started to happen.

Capt. Farris later stated in his report:

"After having been in the building for about two minutes, we heard a cataclysmic sound coming from the ceiling, and saw

the ceiling falling in, and a man coming with the ceiling to the floor, as one of the patrons of the pool hall said, 'Santa Claus is coming.'"

Farris stated that the man had crawled above a false ceiling in an apparent attempt to conceal himself from officers. Farris said another man broke out a front window, but cut his hand, only to pull it back inside and flee out the door. Others ran out a back door, Farris said.

Township officers summoned help from Berrien sheriff's deputies and Benton Harbor police. Those who remained in-

side identified themselves to police and were released.

Booked on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon was Guy DePriest, 52, of 973 Pipestone, identified as an employee of the pool hall, according to police. A loaded .25 caliber automatic pistol was confiscated.

Also reported confiscated were dice and a deck of cards. Police said these were taken from a table where several persons were seen huddling, just before the ceiling fell through. These persons all fled, police said.



DIRECT HIT: Auto tilts perilously on pedestrian traffic island, after crash on McCord street near Britain avenue, Benton Harbor, about 10:30 p.m. Saturday. Injured were the driver, William S. Teague, 41, of 1274 Pearl street, Benton Harbor, and a passenger, Maola Curtis, 31, also of 1274 Pearl. Mrs. Curtis, sustained a fractured jaw and was admitted to Mercy hospital for examination for possible internal injuries. Teague was treated at Mercy and released. No summonses were issued, pending further investigation, police said. (Staff photo)

Car Driven By Mother Hits Son

Others Injured In Twin City Area Road Mishaps

A blinding rainstorm was blamed for an accident in Benton Harbor Saturday afternoon when a four-year-old boy was struck by an auto being driven by his mother.

City police said Danny Eugene Carter, 4, son of Mrs. Christine Louise Carter, 506 Catalpa avenue, sustained apparently only minor injuries when he was hit as his mother was parking the car on Catalpa and didn't see Danny run in front of the vehicle.

In other Twin City area accidents:

Benton Harbor police said Pearlbeard, 56, of 372 Colby, received a cut about the right knee, when a car she was riding in collided with a parked car on Bellview, near Thayer court Sunday.

The driver of the car, Airlene Seawood, 44, of 200 Bellview, told police she was looking at a parked moving van and didn't see the other auto. She was ticketed for careless driving. Police identified the owner of the parked car as William Shannon of 376 Stevens.

Two persons were injured in a collision involving three cars on Napier road at M-140, Bainbridge township, about 11 p.m. Saturday, according to Berrien sheriff's officers.

Injured, but deciding to seek their own treatment, were a driver, Theima Bodke, 55, of 3347 South Cleveland avenue, St. Joseph; and her passenger, Lucille Pauch, 51, of 1816 North Cambridge, St. Joseph.

The other drivers were identified as Roger P. Litaker, 17, of Box 249 Empire, Route 4, Benton Harbor; and Eberado Diaz of Pharr, Tex. Diaz was cited for speed too fast for conditions, deputies reported.

Benton township police said Ruth Ellis Needham, 22, of 993 1/2 Pipestone street, Benton Harbor, was injured, but not hospitalized, when her car and another collided on M-139 at Pipestone, about 2:15 a.m. Sunday.

Police said the other driver, Andrew J. Smith, 58, of 130 Seely, Benton Harbor, was unhurt. Mrs. Needham was ticketed for failure to yield the right of way, police stated.

Sherry J. Hudson, 24, of Box 8, Berrien Springs, was listed in "good" condition in Mercy hospital following a collision Saturday at 5 p.m. in St. Joseph township.

She was a passenger in a car driven by her husband, Thomas, 26, who complained of injuries resulting from the wreck, at the intersection of Niles avenue and Hilltop road.

St. Joseph township police reported Mrs. Hudson sustained head pains and an injured right leg. Driver of the other car was Leonard L. Bishop, 62, of 1224 Hillcrest avenue, St. Joseph.

A driver and his three passengers were treated and released from Berrien General hospital after their car ran into a farm implement on Watson road, near Mary road, in Sedus township. The accident occurred Sunday at 10:30 p.m.

Berrien county sheriff's deputies identified the four as

driver Jerry Jackson, 30, of 741 East High street, Benton Harbor, and three Eau Claire residents: Emmett Street, 41, Route 1, Watson road; Mary E. Clark, 18, same address and Johnnie Clark, 12, same address.

Deputies said the accident, still under investigation, occurred when the Jackson car,

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CAR-TRACTOR CRASH: Charles L. Pfauth, 30, of 6315 Red Arrow highway, Stevensville, is lifted onto stretcher after he was injured Saturday morning when tractor he was driving was struck in rear by car on Warren Woods road north of Three Oaks. Pfauth was reported in good condition this morning at Memorial hospital, St. Joseph. New Buffalo state police said accident occurred when Roy E. Johnson, 35, route 1, Three Oaks, attempted to pass tractor with his car just as tractor began left turn. Johnson was ticketed for improper passing, according to troopers. (Don Wehner photo)

Construction Starts On SJ Intersection

Construction has started on a \$93,829 project to build in safety improvements at the intersection of Cleveland avenue and Lake Shore drive in St. Joseph.

At the same time, the contractor, Yerington Contractors of Benton Harbor, will pour concrete for a turnoff that was previously dirt, and had been used by motorists for turning for years.

Cleveland will also be widened to 48 feet for a 500 foot stretch near the intersection. It was previously 21 feet wide.

The project is a joint venture using federal, state, and local funds.

The contractor will build a slight left turn in Cleveland so that it meets Lake Shore at a right angle junction. Motorists northbound on Cleveland will have a better view of traffic on Lake Shore when they stop at the intersection. It will create a safer angle for southbound Lake

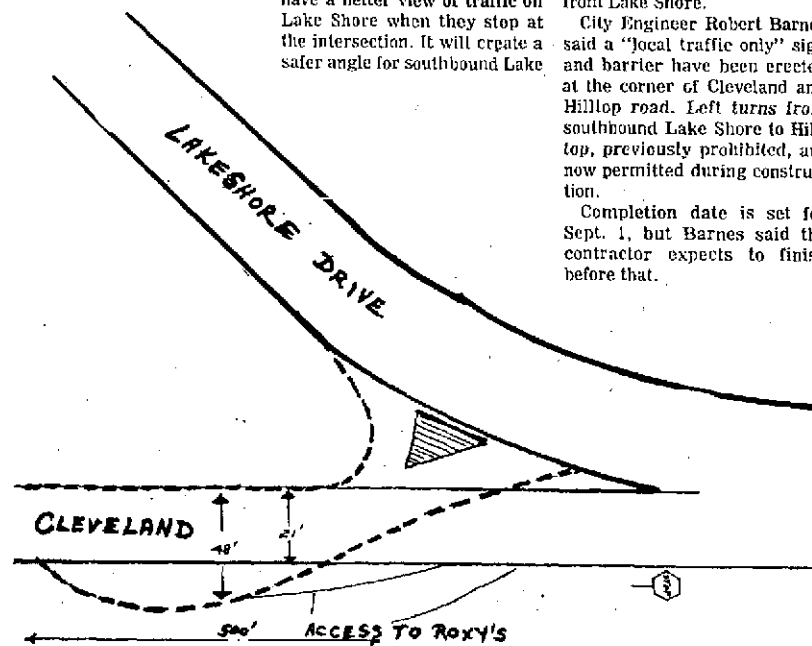
Shore traffic to turn onto Cleveland.

There will also be a turn lane for Cleveland traffic wishing to turn left onto Lake Shore.

Access to businesses in the area will be maintained during construction, with Gersonde Bros. Bowling alley having road access via the north driveway of Roxy's drive-in restaurant. Sanitary Cleaners will be served from Lake Shore.

City Engineer Robert Barnes said a "local traffic only" sign and barrier have been erected at the corner of Cleveland and Hilltop road. Left turns from southbound Lake Shore to Hilltop, previously prohibited, are now permitted during construction.

Completion date is set for Sept. 1, but Barnes said the contractor expects to finish before that.



SAFER JUNCTION: The intersection of Lake Shore drive and Cleveland avenue in St. Joseph will feature new turning lanes when current construction is finished. Old roadways are represented by solid lines, new ones by dotted lines.

Overnight Parking Ban Results In 200 Tickets

Benton Harbor police issued nearly 200 overnight parking tickets today, between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m.

Meridith Rynearson, acting chief of police, said that tickets will be issued from now on for persons leaving vehicles on city streets

overnight. During the past week, he said, almost 600 warning tickets were issued. The fine is \$1, Rynearson said.

The overnight parking ban was reinstated by the city commission. It took effect June 2 and a two-week grace period followed.

Gas Shortage Pinching Twin Cities Motorists

As gasoline supplies to area service stations are reduced because of reported shortages, more service station operators in the Twin Cities area are closing earlier on Saturday and remaining closed Sunday.

Several Standard Oil Co. stations were reported open yesterday, but a firm spokesman said it looks as though they will be closing Sunday, if shortages continue to mount.

One Citgo station in St. Joseph reported earlier closings on Saturday, and noted that if the trend continues, the station would have to close Sunday, possibly by the end of this

month.

Mounting shortages in gasoline have become widely advertised by major oil companies, with some congressmen charging that major oil firms are working to drive out smaller dealers. A former Nixon economic aide, Prof. Paul McCracken of the University of Michigan last week voiced his drastic plan, aimed at easing what he called an actual shortage—increase the federal gasoline tax 10 cents a gallon right now, and increase it another 10 cents a gallon next year. He said this would reduce motoring.



Harold Friedman, BH Businessman, Is Dead At 71

Harold S. Friedman, a Benton Harbor area clothing merchant for nearly half a century, died at 11 a.m. Saturday in Borgess hospital, Kalamazoo, where he had been a patient one week.

Mr. Friedman, of 1121 Salem avenue, was 71 years old. He was president of Heilaine's, Fairplain Plaza.

Mr. Friedman was born May 1, 1902, in Chicago, the son of Arthur and Fannie Friedman. He came to Benton Harbor at the age of two with his parents.

The elder Mr. Friedman operated a men's clothing store on Water street and was elected mayor of Benton Harbor. Harold

Friedman eventually took over his father's business and operated it until 1947.

In the meantime, he and his wife had opened Heilaine's in downtown Benton Harbor as a women's wear store. In 1964, the Friedmans opened Heilaine's at the Plaza. The downtown store was closed last year.

Mr. Friedman was a member of Benton Harbor Elk's lodge No. 544; past president of Temple B'nai Shalom; first Treasurer and charter member of B'nai B'rith; past president of Berrien County Jewish Community Council; chairman and superintendent of B'nai Shalom cemetery for 35 years. He had been the campaign chairman for the building of the new synagogue in Fairplain in 1962.

Surviving are his widow, the former Helen Jacobson; two sons, Hillard of Stevensville and Robert of High Point, N.C.; four sisters, Mrs. Sam (Sadie) Rosen of South Bend, Mrs. Dorothy Cone of Waukegon, Ill., Mrs. Ralph (Florence) Siegel of Chicago and Mrs. Rae Robinson of South Bend and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at noon today in the Fairplain chapel, Florin funeral home. Rabbi Wayne Franklin officiated. Burial was in B'nai Shalom cemetery.



HAROLD S. FRIEDMAN

Repair Slated On I-94

Traffic in the eastbound lanes of I-94, at the St. Joseph River bridge, will be reduced from three lanes to one during the next two weeks for repair work, according to Fred Russell, of the State Highway Department.

Russell said two lanes will be closed beginning today. Reportedly, work on those lanes will be completed by Friday evening. Monday morning, work will start on another portion of the highway, cutting traffic down to one lane again.

Russell said the work should be finished by Friday, June 29. He said an expansion device on the bridge deck will be repaired. The westbound lanes will not be affected, he said.

AMVETS Officer To Be In SJ

Veterans, their widows, or dependents with questions concerning veterans benefits can get answers Tuesday at the Michigan Employment Security Commission offices on Port street, St. Joseph.

Orland J. Brown, service officer for the Michigan department of AMVETS, will answer questions concerning compensation, pensions, or educational benefits from 14:30 p.m.

Coast Guard Called Out 5 Times Saturday

St. Joseph Coast Guardsmen reported assisting five boaters Saturday afternoon but received no calls for assistance Sunday although there was a fairly large number of boats on Lake Michigan.

JUSTICE DIES
BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Chief Justice Alvin Strutz of the North Dakota Supreme Court, 76, died Saturday.

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Motorcycle, Car Collide

Niles Man Dies In Crash

A Niles man died and a Benton Harbor woman was injured in a collision Sunday afternoon between a motorcycle and an

auto in Bainbridge township, south of Watervliet.

The victim, who was operating the motorcycle, was iden-

tified as Billy Jack Huffman, 32, of 314 South 15th street, Niles.

Admitted to Mercy hospital, Benton Harbor, was Miss Jean-

nette Waldo, 37, of 118 West Empire avenue, driver of the car. She was reported in "fair" condition today.

State police at the Benton Harbor post said the collision was reported at 2:45 p.m. and occurred at M-140 and Territorial road.

Troopers said Huffman was pronounced dead on arrival at Mercy hospital at 3:15 p.m.

The death brings to 17 the number of persons killed in Berrien county traffic accidents so far this year. It was the third traffic death in the county over

17 Auto Deaths
In Berrien
County In
1973

the past eight days, but the toll still is below a year ago at this date, when 26 traffic deaths had occurred at this time.

Troopers said the collision occurred while the motorcycle was traveling south on M-140, and the car was headed east on Territorial. The motorcycle struck the car on the driver's side door.

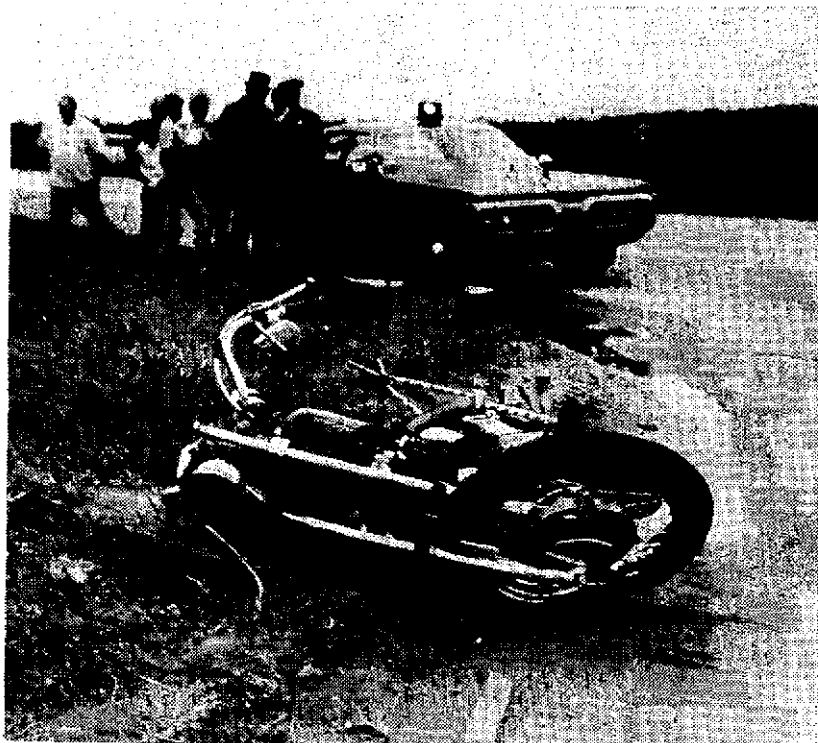
The state police post said no summonses have been issued yet, but the accident remains under investigation.

Billy Jack Huffman was born June 23, 1941, in Howell, Mich., and had been employed at National Standard company, Niles, as a maintenance man.

Surviving are his widow, the former Sharon Wetzel, whom he married on April 30, 1960, in Sumnerville; two daughters, Shelly Renee and Diana Linnea; a son Daren, all at home; his mother, Mrs. Vurble Mather of East Chicago, Ind. and five brothers, Jimmy of Westville, Ind., Ezra of Vermontville, Elmer of Mesick, Leon of St. Charles and Floyd of Pine Ridge.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Pifer funeral home, Niles. Rev. George Matthews will officiate. Burial will be in Mission Hill Memorial Gardens.

Friends may call at the Pifer funeral home after 7 this evening.



MOTORCYCLE DRIVER KILLED: Operator of this motorcycle, Billy Jack Huffman, 32, Niles, died Sunday afternoon of injuries received in collision with car at M-140 and Territorial road, Bainbridge township. Driver of car, Jeannette Waldo, 37, Benton Harbor, was admitted to Mercy hospital and is reported in fair condition. (Staff photos)



POINT OF IMPACT: State troopers from Benton Harbor post said damaged car door was point of impact in fatal collision between motorcycle and auto in Bainbridge township Sunday.



THREE OAKS PARADE: Crowd estimated by police at 7,000 filled Three Oaks Saturday afternoon for village's 20th annual Flag Day parade. Parade included over 80 entries, capped week-long festival

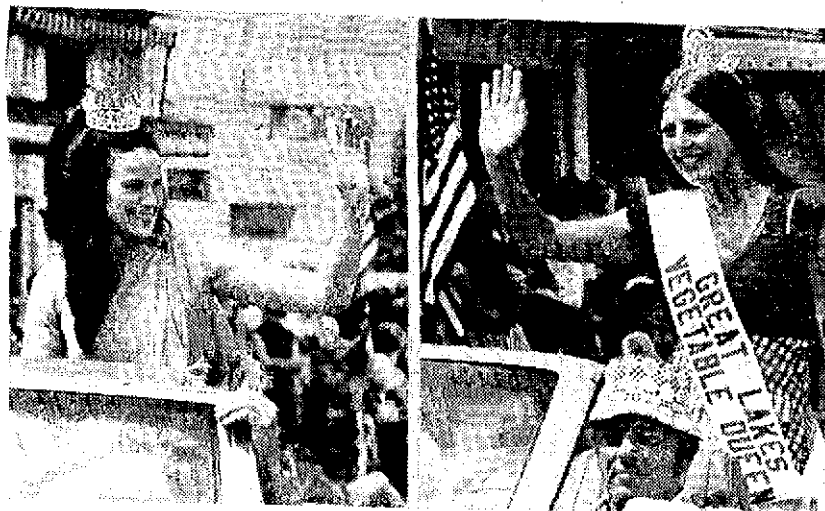
which included Michigan lottery drawing, square dance and fire department competitors. (Don Wehner photos)

Harvest Help Is Needed

With the peak of the 1973 strawberry harvest now in full swing in southwestern Michigan, harvest help is strongly needed, according to Mrs. Amelia D. Scherer, manager of the Michigan Employment Security Commission's rural manpower office at Scottsdale.

"We have openings for 500 drive-out workers to harvest strawberries in southwestern Michigan," Mrs. Scherer said.

Persons or family groups who could like to earn some extra cash, should contact the rural manpower office, 4140 Scottsdale road, between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, by calling 429-1551.



QUEENS ON PARADE: No parade would be complete without beauty queens, and Three Oaks' 20th annual Flag Day parade yesterday had its share. Included were Miss Indiana, Becky Graham, left, and Miss Great Lakes Vegetable Queen, Colleen Krieger, Watervliet. Parade stepped off at 3 p.m. Estimated 7,000 were on hand for the spectacle, according to police. (Don Wehner photos)

Flag Day Parade Attracts 7,000 People

DOWAGIAC

Thief Rifles Bill Changer

DOWAGIAC — Theft of \$50 to \$60 from a dollar bill changer at the Division Street laundromat was reported to Dowagiac police yesterday afternoon.

Police said the machine had been broken into and the money taken sometime between 3 and 5 p.m. Customers in the laundromat when the theft was reported had not seen the thief, police said.

THREE OAKS — A crowd estimated at 7,000 people filled Three Oaks Sunday afternoon for the village's 20th annual Flag Day parade.

Cloudy skies which threatened rain Sunday morning had cleared by 3 p.m., parade time, and the 80-unit parade stepped off in sunlight.

The Bridgman city float was judged the best community entry in the parade, while the Mr. Smorgasbord float was

awarded the prize for the best business entry. The Gallien American Legion post entry was judged the best adult float.

Best individual performance was judged to be Mr. Colonel, entry of Drier's market, Three Oaks.

A Leslie Special owned by Leon Tuttle was judged the best antique car entry.

In Saturday's waterball competition between area fire departments, first place was

taken by a team from Howard township; second by Bertrand township, and third by a second team from Howard township.

In the tug-of-war between village northsiders and southsiders Saturday afternoon, the north side won.

The parade was the climax to a week of festivities designed to mark Flag Day. Included in activities was a state lottery super drawing on Thursday, a dance and a dinner.

Stolen Car Found In 7 Minutes

DOWAGIAC — Dowagiac police last night recovered a Niles man's car seven minutes after he reported it stolen.

A 16-year-old Dowagiac juvenile was arrested and charged with its theft.

According to police, David Starrett, of 618 Wayne street, Niles, came to the police station at 11:03 p.m. and reported his car had been stolen while he was in a bar.

At 11:10 p.m., police said, officers stopped the car on Hastings street, just north of Spruce street, and arrested the driver.

Police said the car's keys had been left in the ignition. The car was not damaged.

Weekend Accidents Claim 17 In State

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Highway accidents, including one triple fatality and two mishaps in which a pair of persons died, claimed 17 lives in Michigan this weekend.

Edna Fitzek, 8, and Eva Wingo, 12, both of Cadillac, were killed Sunday night in Cadillac when they were struck by a car while riding bicycles.

Robert J. Cousineau, Jr., 20, of Hazel Park, Richard Blake, 21, of Toledo, Ohio and Ted Geuthing, 26, of Key Biscayne, Fla., died in Oakland County's Bloomfield Township Sunday when their car ran off the road and hit two trees.

Richard Freiberg, 21, of Stanwood, and Audrey Hayes, 49, of Rockford, were killed Sa-

aturday when their cars collided in Mecosta County's Aetna Township. Other victims:

John Trudell, 19, of Royal Oak, was killed Saturday in a two-car collision near Bay City.

David Jenich, 19, of Laurium, succumbed Saturday in Houghton County's Torch Lake Township when the car in which he was riding ran off the road.

Evelyn Lints, 45, of Detroit, lost her life Friday when she was hit by a car in Hazel Park.

Ramsey Hill, no age available, of Detroit, died Friday when he was hit by a car in Detroit.

David Reckling, 38, of Detroit, was killed Friday when he was hit by a car in his home city.

Charles Thomas Jr., 21, of

Marine City, died Sunday when his motorcycle collided with a car near Marine City.

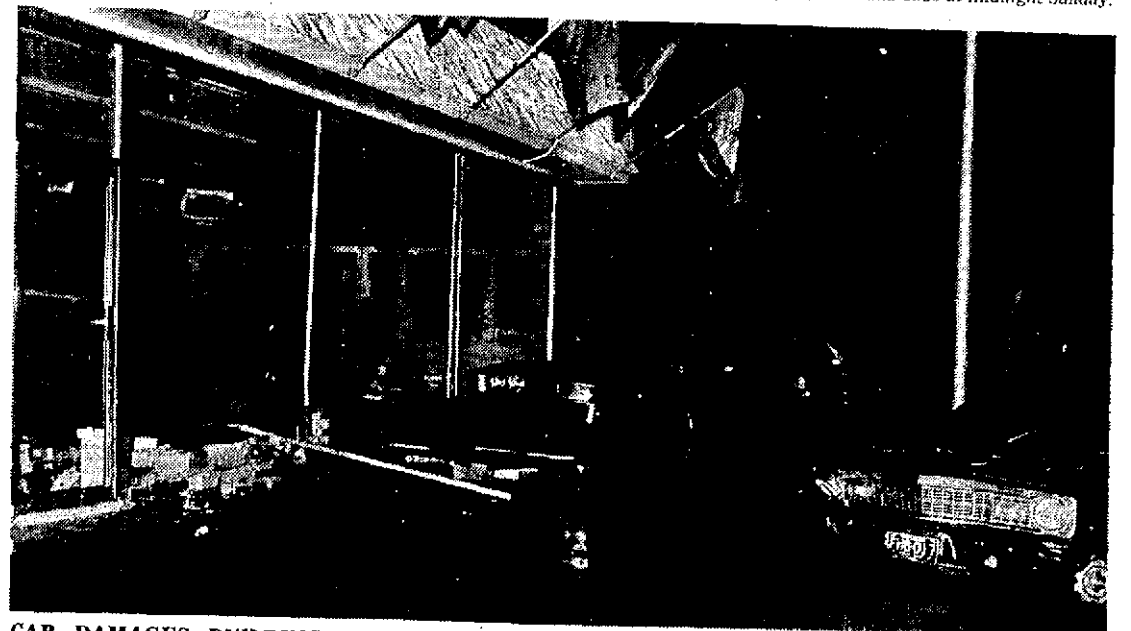
Pamela Sprow, 17, of Jonesville, a passenger in two-car head-on collision in Hillsdale County, was killed Sunday.

Craig Mead, 24, of Linden, died Sunday when his car was involved in two-car accident near that city.

Billy Huffman, 31, of Niles, died when his motorcycle was involved in a collision with a car in Berrien County Sunday.

Arthur Goyings, 72, of Oxford, was killed Sunday when the car in which he was riding and another vehicle collided.

The count, taken by the Associated Press and the State Police, begins at 6 p.m. Friday and ends at midnight Sunday.



CAR DAMAGES BUILDING: An out-of-control car caused an estimated \$12,500 damage to showroom and two new cars at Decker Olds-Cadillac dealership in South Haven early Sunday. City police report that car driven by Richard Paulson, 21, route 3, South Haven, on right, went

out of control while northwest on Phillips street. Vehicle struck new car parked outside building and then careened into showroom damaging second new vehicle. Neither Paulson or passenger were injured. Driver was ticketed for reckless driving police said. (Tom Renner photo)

Successful Anti-Erosion Practices Topic Of Meeting

Information on shoreline protection structures that have been effective will be presented at a conference to which area contractors are being invited next Friday night.

The session, scheduled at 7 p.m. at the Twin Cities Chamber of Commerce meeting room, 777 Riverview drive, Benton Harbor, is being arranged by four agencies. They are the state department of natural resources, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Soil Conservation Service, and the Michigan State University Extension Service.

Four specialists from the Corps of Engineers will make

presentations. They include Donald Buddecke and Norman Arne of the North Central division office in Chicago; Dennis Berg of the coastal Research center at Washington, D.C.; and Dr. Ernest Braler of the Coastal laboratory at the University of Michigan. All contractors in Berrien, Van Buren and Allegan counties who currently are doing shore protection work or are anticipating becoming involved are invited to attend, according to Clare Musgrove, Berrien County Extension Service director.